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# Health case builds against Gardiner

TRANSPORTATION

### Second official supports bringing down expressway

Full removal of the east Gardiner Expressway appears to be the best option for the health of Torontonians, says the city's medical officer of health.

Dr. David McKeown's conclusion is in a report released Monday, ahead of what is shaping up to be a battle over the aging span's fate at council next week.

McKeown is the second senior city official within a few days to say bringing the elevated expressway to ground level east of Jarvis is best for Toronto, counter to Mayor John Tory's push for the pricier "hybrid" option that leaves intact the elevated connection to the Don Valley Parkway.

McKeown looked at data in April's environmental assessment of the two options through a public-health "lens." Fully opening the area "is expected to provide more health benefits overall and fewer adverse health impacts compared with the Hybrid alternative."

"Compact neighbourhoods with a good mix of land uses and streets designed for all users make it easier for people to maintain health through physical activity," states the "rapid health impact assessment."

It ranks removal as best in eight of 11 criteria, including pedestrian movements, road safety, streetscape enhancements, opportunities for a "new natural habitat," and job creation that helps improve community health.

The hybrid option is deemed best only in terms of the global and regional competitiveness of downtown because increased commute times expected with the removal option could put off employers and employees.

The environmental assessment pegs the long-term cost of removal at $461 million compared to $919 million for the hybrid option.

Coun. Joe Mihevc, the health board chair who requested the report, called removal a "no-brainer" even if it slightly increases commute times.

"We can build something great or keep a derelict waterfront neighbourhood derelict," he said. "If you want to decrease congestion, spend the $500 million (difference) on the Queens Quay LRT and increase capacity on roads by making the alternative more inviting."

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> **We can build something great or keep a derelict waterfront neighbourhood derelict.**
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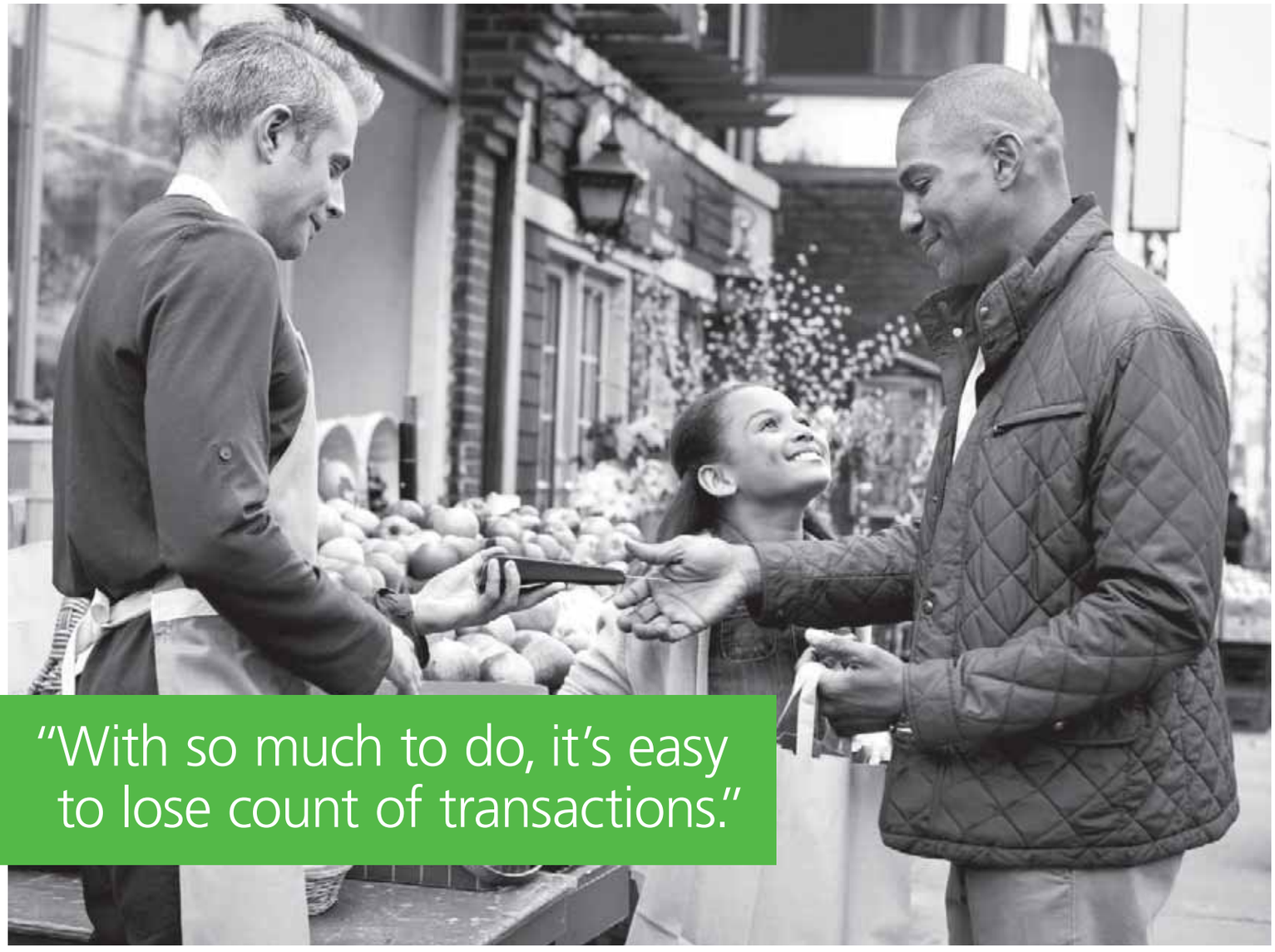

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# Stabbing talk alarms police

YOUTUBE

## Spurned man filmed saying girl deserves to be assaulted

**Jessica Smith Cross**
Metro | Toronto

Toronto police are looking closely at video of a local pickup artist who filmed himself muttering about stabbing a girl who turned him down.

User xsouldeath's YouTube channel features numerous videos of him approaching women near Yonge-Dundas Square.

In one clip, he films himself talking about a girl who rejected him.

"She deserves to (be) f—in' like stabbed and cut up into tiny pieces for that s—," he says. "She thinks she's all that, just because she has the looks and s—. I'll show all these little bitches one day."

In another video, he appears to try to purchase a knife from a grocery store.

Toronto police cybercrimes Det. Shawn Marshall said he's hoping to identify the man and speak with him.

"While I haven't seen anything to lay a charge so far, calling (the video) 'disturbing' doesn't really do it justice," he wrote in an email to Metro.

> **She deserves to (be) ... stabbed and cut up into tiny pieces.**
> Toronto YouTube user xsouldeath

Marshall urged anyone who has concerns that a person may become violent to call the police. Even if there isn't a basis for a charge, he said police can dispatch a mobile crisis team to help the person.

After the videos began circulating on Reddit Monday, xsouldeath's YouTube channel was switched to private.

Some Reddit users expressed concern for the man's mental health. Others said the videos reminded them of Elliot Rodger, who killed six people and injured 14 in a shooting spree in Isla Vista, Calif., after he claimed he was rejected by women.

Steph Guthrie, a feminist advocate and founder of Women in Toronto Politics, said pickup artists, or PUAs, have been a constant problem near Yonge-Dundas Square and the Eaton Centre.

"We never know when our rejection is going to result in some kind of violent response," she said. "The way that these guys approach people — when we're in the middle of something entirely different, like shopping — can be intimidating and scary."

**A screenshot of YouTube user xsouldeath.** YOUTUBE

**MAY THE BEST BARTENDER WIN**
Mixologist Jonathan Elbaz of Montreal prepares his signature cocktail, The Bohemian Picnic, before the start of the 2015 MadeWithLove National Mixology Competition on Monday. The event, hosted by the Everleigh Club, brings together the top mixologists in the country as they compete to determine the best of the best in bartending. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

## IN BRIEF

**One teen charged after another made fake claims of drive-by shooting**

Toronto police say a 17-year-old boy is facing gun-related charges after another teen accidentally shot himself in the leg.

Police say a 13-year-old boy told officers on Sunday that he was struck by a single bullet shot from a vehicle.

Investigators say the boy later confessed he made up the drive-by shooting story after he accidentally shot himself with a gun allegedly given to him by the 17-year-old.

Police allege that after the shooting, the 17-year-old brought the younger teen to a nearby corner and told him to call police with the fake story.

The boy was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police have charged the 17-year-old, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, with various gun-related offences, obstructing justice and public mischief.

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**Body found in park**

Police are investigating after a body was found in McCowan Park in Scarborough on Monday morning.

A passerby found the body in the park on Eglinton Avenue East shortly before 10 a.m. and called police. Police set up a perimeter around the park while investigators completed their survey.

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**INAUGURAL CEREMONY AGA KHAN PARK** Toronto's Aga Khan Park was opened to the public Monday, with an inaugural ceremony attended by Premier Kathleen Wynne and His Highness the Aga Khan. Landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic designed the formal gardens, basing the design on the traditional Persian and Mughal garden which offers a natural geometry through ordered plantings of serviceberry trees. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

## IN BRIEF

**Province to face trial in lawsuit over toddler's death**

An Ontario judge says the provincial government must face trial in a lawsuit filed by the family of a two-year-old girl who died in an unlicensed daycare three years ago.

Eva Ravikovich's parents launched a $3.5-million lawsuit against the Ministry of Education and the owners and operators of the daycare in Vaughan.

They allege — in claims that have yet to be tested in court — that the ministry took no steps to ensure Eva's safety despite having received four complaints that claimed the daycare was overcrowded.

Court documents show the ministry asked to be removed as a defendant, arguing it had no duty of care toward Eva's family and any enforcement of unlicensed daycares is discretionary.

The ministry also said Eva's death was not a "reasonably foreseeable" consequence of its actions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Police release tape of false 911 call

BAD BEHAVIOUR

## Police acted on realistic 'swatting' hoax

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

York Regional Police have released the audio of the fake, but convincing, 911 call made early Sunday morning that prompted police to break down an innocent family's door.

At 5:41 a.m. police received a call from a frantic sounding young man who said his father was shooting an assault rifle inside his Richmond Hill home.

"Ma'am, ma'am, my dad Francis is going crazy, he's got his gun out," the caller said, before the sound of gunshots. "I'm hiding, I'm hiding, oh my God," he said.

The caller, sounding like he's panicking and sniffling, told the 911 operator his father was schizophrenic, drinking, off his medication and was shooting "a big assault rifle."

Const. Andy Pattenden described the call as "very realistic."

Police broke a glass door to gain entry to the house in an attempt to save the family, Pattenden said.

"I saw guns, big guns," the homeowner, Vincent Yan, told the CBC. He said they handcuffed him and his wife, and briefly took his children away.

Police quickly realized the call had been a kind of hoax called "swatting."

In a swatting case, someone will spoof a local phone number and report an incident, drawing the police to the address associated with that number.

Pattenden said swatting calls have become relatively common.

In December 2014, the York Regional Police were told there was a hostage taking at a Stouffville home, and when they burst in they found a family peacefully eating dinner.

No arrest has been made in that case.

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### RESPONSE

**Solution being sought**

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission is monitoring swatting, but a spokesperson said there's still no easy way to detect spoofed phone calls.

However, a new "Next Generation 911" network could be implemented in jurisdictions across Canada over the next several years, Patricia Valladao told Metro.

The network would allow for storage of callers' identity and location information "with a high degree of integrity," she said.

POLICE

## Saunders behind secret carding report

Toronto police Chief Mark Saunders was the lead author on a secret internal 2012 analysis of carding data that found no evidence to support "notions or activities of racially biased" policing.

The report, part of a review of how officers interact with citizens, was never made public, and the civilian board that oversees police and chose Saunders as chief did not see it.

Since becoming chief, Saunders has defended carding as a valuable tool that helps reduce and solve violent crimes. Critics continue to question him and demand proof.

Saunders, then a superintendent, took on new roles following the completion of the report. Deputy Chief Peter Sloly assumed control of phase two of the review, and that phase became known as the Police and Community Engagement Review.

Sloly, according to internal correspondence obtained by Torstar News Service, took issue with the section in Saunders's report involving a police analysis of "whether or not" police racially profiled, based on its own carding data. In an email to Saunders, dated Nov. 13, 2012, Sloly says he sees a need for "significant" revisions.

In explaining the context, police said in a statement to Torstar News Service that Sloly saw the analysis as "superficial" and requiring "a more thorough consideration for the issue of racial profiling."

In the email, Sloly suggested losing the entire section.

The service's analysis of carding compared Toronto's visible minority population with the proportion of contact cards filled out for people who are not white. It concluded that "it appears that racial or ethnic bias has not been common" in carding.

The report said the "extensive" analyses "do not support "notions or activities of racially biased policing practices."

The police analysis did not — as Torstar News Service has done in four analyses since 2010 — single out people with black and brown skin who had been carded, and compare those figures to their baseline populations.

### DEFINITION

**Carding**: When officers stop, question and document citizens in non-criminal encounters.

The carding database lumps all non-white groups together in determining there was no bias. Torstar News Service has used neighbourhood-level census data and police carding data to show that blacks in Toronto are more likely than whites to be carded in each of the city's 70-plus patrol zones. To a lesser extent, the same was true for people with "brown" skin.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

# Pan Am projects under budget

As the Pan Am Games approach, ticket sales are ticking up and infrastructure projects are under budget.

Almost half the tickets have sold out — if you don't count soccer qualifiers.

Excluding preliminary rounds of soccer, almost 45 per cent of tickets have sold, organizing committee CEO Saad Rafi said Friday. That's more than 400,000 of the 1.4 million tickets available for Pan and Parapan Am events. Tickets went on sale online in December, far in advance of the Games' kick off July 10.

"I think everybody would want to say we've sold out the Games before the Games," Rafi said, adding experts with previous experience in Olympics and other major events advised the organizing committee to be patient.

While ticket sales are on track, the budget is doing one step better.

Games organizers released the final quarterly report Friday for fiscal year 2015, which showed capital costs $57.5 million under budget with all but two venues finished.

In the last quarter, organizers spent $15 million on capital projects, including venue construction, from the overall capital budget of $672 million.

Operating costs are ramping up as the Games approach, with more spent in the latest quarter, $128.9 million, than the first three quarters of the fiscal year combined. More than half of the $770 million budgeted for operating costs will come closer to the Games, with another $424.4 million in future spending projected. The organizing committee's overall budget is $1.4 billion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin speaks about his report on Hydro One billing practices and customer service at a press conference in Toronto on Monday.** FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Hydro One faces scathing report

OMBUDSMAN

## Marin says company 'mistreated' customers

Hydro One treated customers "abominably" after a new computer system resulted in huge billing errors for about 100,000 homes, Ontario's ombudsman reported Monday.

In his investigation of the Hydro One billing practices, Andre Marin also accused the Crown corporation of lying to the government and his office about the extent of the problem.

The ombudsman's office was flooded with 10,700 complaints from Hydro One ratepayers about overbilling and "outrageously bad customer service" as the utility scrambled to fix technical glitches with the new system, added Marin.

"Customers felt mistreated and abused when they tried to report these problems to Hydro One," he said. "Customers who had huge sums of money pulled from their bank accounts without warning, or who were hit with outrageous bills, were treated abominably."

> **Hydro One reacted in the worst way possible, with deflection and deception.**
> Andre Marin

As complaints grew, Hydro One deceived the electricity regulator and the ombudsman's office "about the extent and nature of its billing and customer service disaster," Marin said in a special report.

"One of the issues that really concerns me is how they obstructed and lied to the minister of energy's office, the board of directors and the Ontario Energy Board," he said.

Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli was "disappointed" with the report's findings, and said he had been getting different stories about billing problems from Hydro One officials.

"As this issue was evolving, the seriousness of it kept changing," said Chiarelli.

Misleading the ombudsman could result in fines or even a jail term, but Marin rejected the idea of pursuing charges against anyone at Hydro One.

"We'd have to build a new courthouse because there are a lot of people that you'd have to charge," he said. "Today I'm simply reminding Hydro One not to do it again."

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TEACHERS

# Legislation sparks warnings of unrest

Forcing secondary teachers off the picket lines and back to their classrooms will only inflame the tense labour situation, unions warned as the provincial government introduced legislation to end strikes in three Ontario boards. The move comes as talk of work-to-rule escalated and is expected to hit more high schools across the province in the coming weeks.

"Angry — in a word. That's the easiest thing for me to say," said Dave Barrowclough, president of Durham's District 13 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, referring to the Liberals' back-to-work legislation.

His union local is one of three, along with Peel and Rainbow/Sudbury, affected by the Protecting the School Year Act, that isn't expected to pass until Thursday after the NDP on Monday balked at giving it unanimous consent. That means students won't be back in class until Friday, or even early next week.

> **These students are at risk of losing their year ...**
> Premier Kathleen Wynne

"These students are at risk of losing their year — their year is in jeopardy," Premier Kathleen Wynne told reporters just hours after the arms-length Education Relations Commission ruled the school year was threatened for the 70,000 students in the three public school boards. The Premier, elected with the support of Ontario's teacher unions, said the NDP's move is "very disappointing," adding that there shouldn't be "political wrangling" given the number of students impacted.

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POLICE

# Man wanted in sexual assault case

Toronto Police released a composite sketch on Monday of a suspect wanted in a Don Mills sexual assault.

Police say that on Friday a 24-year-old woman was cleaning a house listed for sale in the Deepwood Cres. and Greenland Rd. area. At about 3 p.m., they say, an unknown man knocked on the door and claimed that he was interested in the property.

After a short conversation, the suspect gained entry into the home and sexually assaulted the woman, police said.

He is described as white, in his mid-20s, about 5-foot-8 inches tall, and weighing about 130 lbs with a thin build and straight, medium-length red hair that sticks out at ear level. Police said he was wearing a faded orange T-shirt torn around the neck area, blue jean shorts cut off below the knees with frayed edges, and black running shoes with white writing on them.

**Toronto Police's sketch of the man wanted in connection with Friday's sexual assault.**

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# ‘Pigeon lobby is vicious’

URBAN WILDLIFE

## People, and their garbage, to blame for issue: Report

**Pigeons drawn to covered bicycle racks at the Finch GO station by food spread on the ground roost in the rafters above and bombard everything below with their droppings.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It’s official — humans are the problem, not the raccoons knocking over their green bins and lurking under their decks.

Toronto’s licensing and standards committee on Monday approved a city staff report that concludes the focus should be on “human behavioural contributors to urban wildlife issues,” rather than critter control.

Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker, an avowed animal lover on the committee, said Torontonians need to be educated that they attract wildlife with a “buffet” of compost piles, bird feeders and insecure green bins.

And a stack of rocks left in a backyard is also a “rat condo” that heats up by day and keeps rodents toasty by night.

“Prevention is better than cure, and I think, for all of these issues, we can help people and wildlife minimize conflicts,” De Baeremaeker said.

The committee’s goodwill for creatures great and small did, however, stop at rats and mice.

“I’m not sure I’d want to save their lives,” said Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti. “I think my constituents would want to get rid of them as quick as they see them and quite frankly so do I.”

Council will have final say on the recommendations to improve city educational materials and efforts and explore the feasibility of a bylaw prohibiting Torontonians from feeding wildlife on private property.

Committee members also want full council to have options to extend funding in the 2016 budget to the cash-strapped Toronto Wildlife Centre, which picks up much of the city’s slack in human-animal interactions.

> **“Prevention is better than cure, and I think ... we can help people and wildlife minimize conflicts.**
>
> Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker

The committee’s chair, Coun. Cesar Palacio, added a successful motion for city staff to consider the feasibility of a bylaw to ban “the feeding of pigeons in public spaces in Toronto.”

Mammoliti warned him, however, that he has pondered such a ban but was told pigeons are “protected by the war veterans and it might become a real issue.”

De Baeremaeker chimed in: “The pigeon lobby is vicious.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HEALTH

## Doc urges city ban on hookahs

The Medical Officer of Health is urging council to prohibit hookah smoking in establishments licensed by the city of Toronto.

Dr. David McKeown is recommending council ban the use of hookahs, or water pipes, effective Oct. 1. The Board of Health will consider his report at next Monday’s monthly meeting.

“Using a hookah to smoke any substance poses health risks, such as heart and lung diseases, lung cancer and other respiratory problems to users and those exposed to second-hand smoke, including employees,” Dr. David McKeown said in a news release.

Hookahs, or water pipes, are used to smoke tobacco or non-tobacco herbal products using charcoal to heat the substance.

Board of Health chairman Joe Mihevc said the city is stepping in to regulate because the province has declined to do so.

“It will be treated like cigarettes. It doesn’t make them illegal it just says you cannot do them in a public place … or any place we are able to license establishments.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Facebook plans to feature targeted Amber Alerts

SOCIAL MEDIA

## Network to help by providing details of missing child

Victoria, who turns one today, is seen with her parents Melissa McMahon and Simon Boisclair, of Trois-Rivieres, Que., in Ottawa Monday. Victoria was taken from a hospital last year and found thanks in part to the Internet. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Facebook Canada will start sending Amber Alerts to users near the location where a missing child is believed to have vanished.

The alerts will provide all available details of the missing child and can be easily shared, to help spread the word.

The social media network says it will work with police in major centres across the country to get the alerts out.

Facebook started a similar system in the United States in January.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney made the announcement Monday at Ottawa police headquarters. He pointed out that Monday was National Missing Children's Day.

"There is no greater fear for a parent than the possibility of a missing child," he said in a statement. "Today is an important day to remember not only children who have gone missing, but also their loved ones."

Jordan Banks, managing director of Facebook Canada, said speed is vital in dealing with an abduction.

"The most valuable thing we can do is get information out to the public as fast as possible," he said in a statement.

"By getting the right information to the right people at the right time through targeted Amber Alerts on Facebook, we hope to reunite missing children with their families faster."

Pina Arcamone, director general of the Missing Children's Network, said Facebook is uniquely positioned to help with Amber Alerts.

"When a child disappears, every second counts and statistics have shown that the rapid dissemination of information greatly increases the chances of locating a missing child, safe and sound.

"Facebook's geo-targeted alerts will give Amber Alerts an expanded social media and Internet presence, thus greatly enhancing our abilities to quickly recover the child."

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FOOD

## Beware pale pasta imitators

Is your spaghetti dinner really Italian? Not if you're using marinara sauce from a jar, regular supermarket pasta, everyday olive oil or — gasp — grated Parmesan cheese, says Pasquale Bova, the Italian trade commissioner to Canada.

And he warns it's a very serious economic issue hurting both Canadian taste buds and Italy's food export business. So the commission has launched its biggest-ever campaign to raise consumer awareness.

"If you're not buying Italian, you're not eating Italian," Bova said in an interview

Canada buys an estimated $3.6 billion of "fake" Italian foods every year, says Bova.

"Italian cheeses have more look-alikes than Elvis Presley," says the commission's website, italianmade.com.

The commission advises looking for "Made in Italy" on the label or a DOP (Protected Designation of Origin) logo or IGP (Indication of Geographical Protection) certification.

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**Hana, a Pacific white-sided dolphin at the Vancouver Aquarium, died Sunday despite efforts to save the marine mammal, including a first-of-its-kind surgery performed by a team of veterinarians from across North America.** CONTRIBUTED

# B.C. dolphin dies despite surgery

VANCOUVER

## Vet calls procedure an 'incredible step forward'

**Thandi Fletcher**
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Hana, a Pacific white-sided dolphin at the Vancouver Aquarium, has died despite efforts to save the marine mammal with cutting-edge surgery never before performed on a dolphin or whale.

The dolphin, which developed a twisted bowel, died around 7 p.m. Sunday surrounded by a team of aquarium staff that had cared for the marine mammal for the past decade.

"She looked at everyone, took her last breath and her heart just sort of stopped," Dr. Martin Haulena, head veterinarian at the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre, said Monday. "Hana was a wonderful, fantastic, affectionate, loving animal. She was an amazing dolphin, and certainly a friend to us."

Last Monday, aquarium staff noticed Hana was behaving differently and veterinarians determined the animal was suffering from a gastrointestinal disorder.

Late Thursday, a team of seven veterinarians performed bowel surgery on Hana. The procedure marked the first time general anaesthesia has been successfully used on a dolphin or a whale, said Haulena.

Hana survived the surgery, but had to be resuscitated a couple of times during recovery and was incredibly weak. Although the dolphin showed some signs of improvement on Saturday morning, Hana's condition deteriorated until she died Sunday evening.

The surgery and post-mortem examination confirmed what veterinarians had suspected.

> **We've taken a really huge, giant leap in our ability to care for animals.**
> Dr. Martin Haulena

Haulena said Hana experienced "loops of bowel" that twisted upon themselves and caused a large section of the animal's small intestine to become compromised, eventually leading to septic shock. It's unclear what caused the disorder, which Haulena said happens spontaneously to dolphins both in captivity and in the wild.

While the aquarium is devastated by Hana's death, Haulena said the silver lining is that the surgery was considered to be a success. He said the procedure represents an "incredible step forward" in veterinary care for cetaceans.

Because dolphins and whales live in water and are conscious breathers, surgical procedures are considered high-risk and are extremely rare.

"We've taken a really huge, giant leap in our ability to care for animals," he said. "That's huge. It means we can do it again. We can always get better at what we do."

Hana, believed to be about 21 years old, arrived at the Vancouver Aquarium in 2005 from Enoshima Aquarium in Japan, where the dolphin was recovering from injuries after becoming tangled in fishing net two years earlier.

It's unclear if those injuries may have played a role in Hana's death, but Haulena said the animal had "nothing wrong" during its time at the aquarium.

"She was one of those awesome animals that had perfect physical exams and perfect blood results all the way along until she didn't," he said.

Hana's death leaves the Vancouver Aquarium with only one Pacific white-sided dolphin, named Helen. Haulena said the veterinary team will closely monitor Helen over the coming weeks to ensure the remaining dolphin adjusts to the loss of her companion.

# Protester leaves drill barge perch

ARCTIC OIL

## Coast Guard says it protects activists' right to free speech

The woman who had been hanging from the anchor chain of a support ship that is part of Royal Dutch Shell's plans to explore for oil in the Arctic Ocean ended her days-long protest north of Seattle on Monday.

Student activist Chiara D'Angelo requested assistance getting down from her perch on the Arctic Challenger in Bellingham harbour around 9:30 a.m. Monday, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

D'Angelo was checked for hypothermia and then released, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Katelyn Shearer.

D'Angelo spent the weekend attached to the ship in an environmental protest against Shell's plans to drill for oil in the Chukchi Sea off northwestern Alaska. The oil company's proposal also has drawn large protests in Seattle, where a massive, floating drill rig is being prepared for the excursion.

A second protester, Matt Fuller, joined D'Angelo Saturday and Sunday.

The Coast Guard cutter Ospry spent the weekend monitoring the activists but took no action to remove them, Shearer said.

Shell said Sunday that the illegal stunt would not delay its plans.

"We respect the rights of individuals to express their views related to our Arctic program, so long as they do so safely and lawfully," said company spokesman Curtis Smith.

The two activists trespassed on private property, while compromising their safety and that of others, Smith said. He commended the Coast Guard and local law enforcement for de-escalating the incident.

Lt. Cmdr. Justin Noggle, chief of enforcement at Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, said Sunday that it is the agency's duty to promote safety on the seas and in ports — and to protect the First Amendment free speech rights of people to safely and lawfully assemble on the water.

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**Chiara D'Angelo had hung since Friday on the Arctic Challenger's anchor chain.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Boy shot with BB gun in critical condition

A man shot an 11-year-old in the chest with a BB gun on a Pennsylvania playground because he said the boy had previously shot his five-year-old with the same kind of weapon, authorities said Monday.

The man then gave the weapon to a child who "was walking up the street," police alleged. Allbert Clark, 31, of McKeesport, is charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

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MALAYSIA

## Police discover 139 possible grave sites

A cluster of abandoned jungle camps used by human traffickers contained 139 suspected graves as well as barbed-wire pens likely used to cage migrants, Malaysian authorities said Monday.

The find sheds light on a regional trade that preyed on some of Southeast Asia's most desperate people.

National police chief Khalid Abu Bakar said forensics experts were exhuming the suspected graves found at 28 vacated camps in the hilly jungle on the border with Thailand where trafficking syndicates were known to operate.ww

"It is a very sad scene," Khalid said in the town of Wang Kelian, several kilometres from the camps, one of which appeared large enough to hold about 300 people. "I am shocked. We never expected this kind of cruelty."

Police said they would begin digging up other suspected graves — mounds of earth, covered with leaves and marked by sticks — on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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CORRUPTION TRIAL

# Former Israeli PM sentenced to prison

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced Monday to eight months in prison for unlawfully accepting money from a U.S. supporter, capping the dramatic downfall of a man who only years earlier led the country and hoped to bring about a historic peace agreement with the Palestinians.

Olmert was convicted in March in a retrial in Jerusalem District Court. The sentencing comes in addition to a six-year prison sentence he received last year in a separate bribery conviction, ensuring the end of the former premier's political career.

Olmert's lawyer, Eyal Rozovsky, said Olmert's legal team was "very disappointed" by the ruling and would appeal to Israel's Supreme Court. They were granted a 45-day stay, meaning the former Israeli leader will avoid incarceration for now.

Olmert also was given a suspended sentence of an additional eight months and fined $25,000.

A slew of character witnesses had vouched for Olmert, including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Israeli Mossad chief Meir Dagan in written statements read aloud Monday. The verdict stated that it recognized Olmert's vast contributions to Israeli society and sentenced him to less than the prosecution had demanded. Still, it ruled that "a black flag hovers over his conduct."

Olmert was forced to resign in early 2009 amid the corruption allegations. His departure cleared the way for hard-liner Benjamin Netanyahu's election, and subsequent Mideast peace efforts have not succeeded.

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**UNITED STATES MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY HONOURS FALLEN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS** Members of the Ladies Living History Society attend a Memorial Day ceremony in honour of soldiers who died in the Civil War, at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati on Monday. President Barack Obama paid tribute Monday to Americans who died in battle, saying their fellow citizens must "never stop trying to fully repay them" for their sacrifice and noting this is the first Memorial Day in 14 years without U.S. forces involved in a major ground war. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH AFRICA

# Rhino treated after horns hacked off

Poachers in South Africa had darted the rhino with a tranquilizer and hacked off her horns while she was sedated, leaving the animal with a horrific wound covering much of her face. A couple of days later, staff on a wildlife reserve found the grievously injured rhino — alive.

Last week, veterinarians operated on the 4-year-old female, a rare survivor of increasing attacks by poachers who killed more than 1,200 rhinos last year in South Africa — home to most of the world's rhinos.

They removed maggots and dead tissue, applied dressing and fastened a fibreglass cast with steel screws. The wound measures 50 by 28 centimetres, the biggest of 10 similar cases that the team has treated in the last three years.

"If we can save Hope and she can go back and produce more offspring, then in her lifetime she would have contributed to the survival of the species," said Dr. Gerhard Steenkamp, a veterinarian from the University of Pretoria. He is a member of Saving the Survivors, a South African group that treats rhinos who have suffered gunshot wounds, facial gouges and other injuries inflicted by poachers.

Demand for rhino horn is high in parts of Asia where it is seen as a status symbol and a cure for illness despite a lack of evidence that it can heal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**In this photo taken Friday, a rhino named Hope stands in her pen in the Eastern Cape province, treated with a dressing where her horns used to be.** SAVING THE SURVIVORS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.K. leader Cameron outlines who can vote

REFERENDUM

## Should Britain remain in EU?

Britain's prime minister on Monday outlined who will be allowed to vote in a referendum on whether Britain should remain in the European Union, opting to exclude most voters from the other 27 EU nations living in the U.K.

Prime Minister David Cameron announced the parameters ahead of introducing legislation Thursday in Parliament to organize the ballot. No date has been set for it yet but Cameron is committed to holding the referendum by 2017.

His plans include a tour of European capitals to press his case that the EU needs to be reformed, hoping that the upcoming vote in Britain will convince those on the continent that Britain is determined to enact change.

Cameron plans to travel to Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Poland and Germany this week as part of his efforts to talk with all of the leaders of the EU member states before the European Council late next month.

Under the referendum measure, the vote will be open to those allowed to vote in British elections rather than rules used for European Parliament or local elections.

Cameron said U.K.-resident citizens of four other EU members — Ireland, Commonwealth members Cyprus and Malta, and the U.K.'s own territory of Gibraltar — will be eligible to vote, while citizens from 24 other EU nations will not.

This means more than half of eligible voters among the 2.8 million non-British EU citizens living in the United Kingdom will be denied a ballot in the referendum.

Uniquely, Cameron plans to permit eligible voters in Gibraltar, the British territory on the Mediterranean Sea, to take part. That decision could aid the pro-EU side, because Gibraltar's 30,000 residents broadly see EU membership as essential to thwarting Spain's ambitions of claiming the 6.8-square-kilometre territory.

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BAILOUT TALKS

# Greece rules out restricting flow of money

Greece's government on Monday ruled out restricting access to bank accounts and the free movement of money if there is no breakthrough soon in tortuous talks with bailout creditors and its dwindling cash reserves dry up.

The possibility of imposing capital controls — part of a chain of events that could lead to Greece leaving the euro if things take a disastrous turn — "simply does not exist," said Gabriel Sakellaridis, spokesman for the radical left-led government.

He spoke after a senior opposition conservative lawmaker was quoted as saying capital controls could be imposed this coming long weekend — June 1 is the Orthodox Pentecost holiday — or shortly later if the government is unable to make a loan repayment due to the International Monetary Fund on June 5.

Greece has survived for the past five years on rescue loans from the IMF and its European partners. But the creditors have held up the rescue loans as long as Greece does not agree to make new economic reforms. Officials in the governing Syriza party say salaries and pensions have priority over loan repayments if push comes to shove amid a growing liquidity crisis.

Experts say Greece could eventually have to impose capital controls to prevent a bank run, when depositors flock to bank branches and ATMs to withdraw their savings. An estimated 30 billion euros ($40.5 billion CAD) have already flowed out of Greek banks since elections were called late last year, but a more sudden surge in withdrawals would cause the banks to collapse.

Such a panic could be triggered by the country — which is already scraping together its last cash reserves — failing to make a payment to the IMF, or any other creditor, or being unable to fully pay pensions and public sector salaries. One Syriza official has said that Greece lacks the money to repay the IMF next week.

Officials in Athens say a deal is close despite an apparent deadlock on key issues, such as demanded pension and labour market reforms.

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# Air Canada crackdown on oversized bags begins

TRAVEL

## Fliers faced short wait times on first day of program

Air Canada began its promised crackdown on oversized carry-on baggage on Monday, beginning with passengers checking in for flights in Toronto in a program it plans to expand across the country in about two weeks.

Passengers leaving on early flights from Pearson International Airport faced short lineups to get carry-on bags checked for size and weight.

Those whose carry-on items met the criteria received a red tag, which the airline says helps reduce wait times at security. Those with articles that exceeded the guidelines faced being stopped at security and sent back to check-in where "standard fees will apply."

**Unless you have a red tag, you will not be approved to bring your bags onto flights. Air Canada recently began issuing red tags for approved carry-on bags.** CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Renee Smith-Valade, Air Canada vice-president for customer experience, said extra staff were on hand at both check-in and security checkpoints and passengers moved through quickly.

"Most European, international and U.S. carriers already have a system like this ... so we're just coming into line with what most other airlines are already doing," she said in an interview.

The airline declined to say how many customers were turned back for having oversized carry-on luggage, but said wait times were five minutes or less and by Monday afternoon not a single customer had missed a flight due to the new process.

Air Canada plans to begin checking and tagging carry-on bags at most other Canadian airports around June 8.

Transport Canada rules allow passengers to carry on two unchecked items. Those travelling with an infant on their lap can carry on an additional standard article. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Air Canada outlines carry-on specifics**

Air Canada specifies that a personal item can include a backpack, briefcase or laptop computer measuring up to 16 by 33 by 43 centimetres and a standard item such as a suitcase measuring up to 23 by 40 by 55 centimetres, including wheels and handles. The weight limit is 10 kilograms per item.

REAL ESTATE

## Cheap oil may split housing market

Lower crude prices are expected to help contribute to a split in the Canadian housing market that will see oil-producing provinces slow but others gain ground, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said Monday.

"A slowdown in housing starts and resale transactions in oil-producing provinces such as Alberta will be partly offset by increased housing market activity in other provinces, such as Ontario and British Columbia, which benefit from the positive impacts of declining energy prices," CMHC economist Bob Dugan said.

CMHC's second-quarter forecast calls for between 166,540 and 188,580 housing starts this year and between 162,840 and 190,930 in 2016.

Regionally, Alberta is expected to see a 13.8 per cent drop in housing starts. while Saskatchewan is forecast to slip 21.3 per cent this year. Offsetting the decreases, Ontario is expected to gain 4.3 per cent.

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the big question

# Why did Canada vote to keep nukes?

**To show support for Israel — and it wasn't the only country to do so. Canada joined the United States and Britain on Friday in blocking a UN plan to hold a conference on nuclear disarmament in the Middle East by 2016 — a move that could have forced Israel to admit it's a nuclear power. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Canada, saying "a weapons-of-mass-destruction-free zone can only be truly effective if all countries in the Middle East participate." To the disappointment of NGOs working to abolish nuclear weapons, disarmament efforts are on hold until 2020.**

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# Kensington pedestrian day should be every day

YOUR RIDE

**Glyn Bowerman**

This week, Pedestrian Sundays return to Toronto's Kensington Market for a 12th season. The neighbourhood is closed off to cars and opened up to artists and musicians. The local business improvement area hails it as a chance to "showcase our unique business community."

Pedestrian Sundays are when the market is at its best — when it not only owns, but celebrates its eccentricity.

This leads me to wonder: Who drives in Kensington Market, anyway?

On any given sunny day, the spine of the market on Augusta Avenue between Dundas and College is crushed with pedestrians. The sheer volume is incredible. It is impossible to make rapid progress from one end to the other on foot, and cars crawl through at a snail's pace.

Few people wait to cross at intersections within the market, instead opting to duck in and out of traffic — such as it is — wherever and whenever it suits them. I can't help but feel anyone trying to wedge their car through the market in the middle of the day is either a tourist who doesn't know better or a glutton for punishment.

So why not give up? Why not make Augusta pedestrian-only, all year round? It would be a case of user experience guiding design, and would allow the market to truly embrace its unique nature seven days a week.

Some people fear that pedestrianization makes areas too desirable, driving rents up for small businesses. But, frankly, Kensington is already desirable. The question is how best to manage its popularity.

Delivery vehicles serving local shops would have to be allowed, and the east-west streets intersecting the market would need to remain open to cars so people could access residences lining those streets.

This isn't anti-car sentiment; it's pragmatism. You would save time anyways by driving one block over from Augusta. If it's a matter of parking, there are plenty of spots along the perimeter of the market and two city-owned parking lots within the market itself.

If Times Square in New York can become a permanent pedestrian space, then one small stretch of street within the heart of Kensington Market isn't a quantum leap.

**Anyone trying to wedge their car through the market in the middle of the day is either a tourist ... or a glutton for punishment.**

Kensington could become more than just a treasured destination, it could be a proving ground for broader, scalable pedestrian projects throughout the city, securing its legacy as one of Toronto's most important neighbourhoods.

**Glyn Bowerman** is a Toronto-based journalist, theatre artist, and regular contributor to Spacing Magazine. Follow him @Banquos_Banquet

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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## "It's time to shed the haughty gaze at the wayward tourist."

There's now one more reason to avoid Victoria's tourist-swarmed downtown core this summer.

Volunteers in 1940s-style British "bobby" uniforms — complete with egg-shaped hats — will be walking the beat "armed only with a smile, interesting historical facts and crime prevention information," according to police. It's an effort to make out-of-towners feel even more like they've escaped to a west-coast Pleasantville.

And it's another reason to hate on tourists.

You know, the camera-toting (don't you have a smartphone?!), meanderers clad in comfortable shoes, clogging the seawall in Vancouver and the streets of Kensington Market in Toronto. Also known, to one friend, as "THE WORST SIDEWALK WALKERS!"

They don't know where they're going, or how to get there. They turn our cities into marketing fluff and our streets into parking lots for tour buses.

But in our annoyance, we forget: We are tourists, too.

Canadians are the seventh-largest spenders on travel in the world, to the tune of $37 billion in 2014.

The golden rule of a good trip is good people. That could be a travel buddy or a hostel crew, but it's also often the locals. In Lisbon, Portugal, my sister and I made friends out of people who showed us the hidden bars and late-night hangouts, the beaches a short drive out of town, the best places to catch the sunset.

That's the hipster way to travel these days — getting the "local" experience. But we forget it relies on locals treating us, the tourists, like the potentially interesting humans we are.

I try to be kind to tourists, sometimes. I'll offer directions or tips on what to see and eat. But I've never looked at a tourist as a potential friend. And I've never been the source of someone's amazing story of travel to Canada.

There is another reason to stop hating tourists: They brought in $17.3 billion in 2014. You've heard this before, but many people's livelihoods depend on them.

Yes, it is irritating to see my hometown become even more of a caricature of imagined Englishness. I didn't think Victoria could grovel any harder at the feet of its British roots. It can.

But whatever I think of the volunteer bobby idea, it's time to shed the haughty gaze at the wayward tourist. There's no point having a superiority complex if you don't help make your city a nice place to be.

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# Putting on heels carries a sky-high price

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**The number of high-heel accidents that occurred in the U.S. in 2011 — the most eventful year for mishaps — according to the study.**

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RESEARCH

## New study shows that stiletto-related injuries have doubled over the last decade

Injuries related to high-heeled shoes doubled between 2002 and 2012, according to a new study from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the U.S.

And they're not just talking about blisters. The most common injuries were sprains and strains to the foot and ankle.

In fact, the damages were severe enough that upon publication of the study in the Journal of Foot and Ankle Injuries, the research team took the occasion to warn the public about appropriate footwear selection and awareness of one's surroundings.

"Although high-heeled shoes might be stylish, from a health standpoint, it would be worthwhile for those interested in wearing high-heeled shoes to understand the risks and the potential harm that precarious activities in high-heeled shoes can cause," says lead author Gerald McGwin, Ph.D., vice chair and professor of the Department of Epidemiology in the UAB School of Public Health.

Working with data from the Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, McGwin and his team counted 123,355 high-heel-related injuries that occurred during the decade they surveyed.

The most eventful year was 2011 with more than 19,000 accidents.

The 20s are the most vulnerable years for high-heel-related injuries, followed by the 30s, according to the study.

Over 80 per cent of the injuries were to the ankle or foot, with less than 20 per cent pertaining to the knee, trunk, shoulder or head and neck, according to the study.

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### FASHION PAINS

**Long- term damage possible**

Walking in high heels has been shown to significantly reduce ankle muscle movement, which could restrict range of motion in the foot over time, according to the study.

Previous studies have established that high heels are often the culprit behind musculoskeletal issues and lower extremity discomfort, according to McGwin. Previous research shows women's feet begin to hurt after one hour and six minutes of wearing high heels. McGwin recommends that those who don high heels be aware of how often they do so and for how long. "We also noted that nearly half the injuries occurred in the home, which really supports the idea of wearing the right footwear for the right occasion and setting," says McGwin.

His research suggests high-heeled shoes have been in fashion for nearly 300 years.

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# How to avoid feeling excluded

MANNERS

## If no one else is going to make introductions, you should

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone

If your friend doesn't introduce you, avoid an awkward situation by introducing yourself. ISTOCK IMAGES

Dear Ellen,
I was walking down the street with my friend, when we ran into a guy he knew, so my friend and this other guy started talking while I just stood there feeling really awkward. I kinda half-smiled like an idiot, then I took out my phone and pretended to be busy, then I just started getting irritated. Should I have said something? Or would that have made me look too insecure or oversensitive?
— Mikala

Dear Mikala,
First of all: You were not being insecure or oversensitive. You were having a sane and normal reaction to being treated with rude indifference.

It's fine to wave or exchange a word or two with someone you pass on the street, but as soon as your friend embarked on a longer conversation with the new guy, he should have paused to introduce you to him, and him to you.

This is basic good manners — on the street, in restaurants, at parties. There's a whole raft of rules and regulations about formal introductions, mostly about introducing royalty and the elderly before peasants and children (which you can find and study online if you want).

But the only rule that matters is this: Don't let anyone stand around feeling excluded from a conversation — including yourself. If no one else is going to make introductions, you should.

Think about it. You were standing there feeling uncomfortable, but maybe the new guy was also feeling a bit weird — especially if you half-smiled like an idiot, then whipped out your phone and pointedly ignored him, then stood there glaring at him with irritation. (Rule of thumb: It's never good manners to be passive-aggressive.)

It's much better to avoid this by introducing yourself right at the start — "Hi, I'm Mikala!" — and put everyone at ease. It doesn't mean you have to horn in on the conversation. You can stand by politely while they chat, but the door is now open for communication between all parties.

This approach will also be much nicer for your ill-mannered friend. Now you don't have to attack him for being such a rude pig the second you walk away from the new guy, or punish him with silent, fuming resentment all day, which, as mentioned, would be passive-aggressive and therefore rude, which you are not, right?

**Need advice? Email Ellen at** scene@metronews.ca

RESEARCH

# If you want to get more exercise, get a new playlist

An optimized playlist was shown to help cardiac rehab patients exercise more. SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

Personalized music playlists with tempo-pace synchronization turned a group of cardiac rehab patients into devoted fitness enthusiasts, increasing adherence to exercise programs by 70 per cent, according to a new study.

It's your favourite music on playlists that have been sonically modified by audio experts who embed extra rhythmic beats, enhancing the listening and exercise experience in an effect that's called rhythmic auditory stimulation (RAS). The study has implications for patients whose long-term survival could depend on getting exercise, but they could pertain to just about everyone.

"The music tempo-pace synchronization helps cue the person to take their next step or stride and helps regulate, maintain and reinforce their prescribed exercise pace," says Dr. David Alter, Senior Scientist, Toronto Rehab, University Health Network and Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.

Those who received playlists with ordinary tempo-pace synchronization did an average of 105.4 minutes more exercise than those who exercised without music, yet those whose playlists had been tweaked for rhythmic auditory stimulation (RAS) exercised for at least 261.1 minutes more than both the other groups.

> **"It would correlate with a projected life expectancy increase of two and a half years."**
> Researcher Dr. David Alter, on the health benefits of the extra exercise

Crunching the numbers, the researchers whose study was published in Sports Medicine concluded that this corresponds to a 70 per cent increase in weekly exercise. Dr. Alter says cardiac rehab patients could be key to establishing its effectiveness due to their high rate of exercise abandonment. AFP


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# Defending Nickelback. Again.

POP PARIAHS

## Now even Aussie police are drinking the Haterade

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

As Nickelback prepared to play a show in Brisbane, Australia, last week, the Queensland Police Service issued an Interpol-like alert. If your BS radar was even slightly detuned, it looked like a legitimate Simon Wiesenthal Center-level APB.

"WANTED FOR CRIMES AGAINST MUSIC," read the tweet. "Police are on the lookout for these men who are believed to be impersonating musicians around Boondall this evening. Avoid this area. It might be hazardous to your hearing and street cred."

This is good use of police resources? And what has the band ever done to deserve to be the subject of hatred?

I've done some digging into this. We can pinpoint the moment when it became fashionable to hate Nickelback. On May 5, 2004, Comedy Central began running a promo for a show called Tough Crowd featuring host Colin Quinn dissing a recent study that linked violent lyrics to violent behaviour. "No one talks about the studies that show that bad music makes people violent," he said, "but listening to Nickelback makes me want to kill Nickelback."

Until then, Nickelback was merely a popular mainstream rock band. But that promo ran again and again and again, causing the meme to take hold and — well, look where things are today.

Readers of Rolling Stone named them the second-worst band of the '90s, second only to Creed. Online dating sites warn that admitting to liking Nickelback is moderately worse than confessing you have incurable syphilis. But why?

Deconstructing the cause of Nickelback hate is surely worthy of some kind of PhD dissertation. Is it because Chad Kroeger spends too much time writing songs about partying, getting blind drunk, sex, strippers and hookers? That doesn't make sense when you live through Van Halen, Mötley Crüe and Marilyn Manson.

**Wanted ... for crimes against music? Columnist Alan Cross thinks it's time we give Chad Kroeger and the rest of the boys in Nickelback a break.** MARK DAVIS/GETTY IMAGES

Perhaps it's the slick mainstream-ness of the Nickelback sound that doesn't sit well with critics, hipsters and fans of "proper" rock. Could it be over-exposure? How You Remind Me was the bestselling rock song of the '00s and played on American radio more than any other song that decade. It's easy to hate that kind of success. Or could it be — let's just say it — because they're Canadian?

Personally, I have nothing against Nickelback. They produce insanely popular rock songs that resonate with millions of people in the heartland. Any hate directed toward them is far, far out of proportion with what they do. Any doctoral candidates want to get to the bottom of this?

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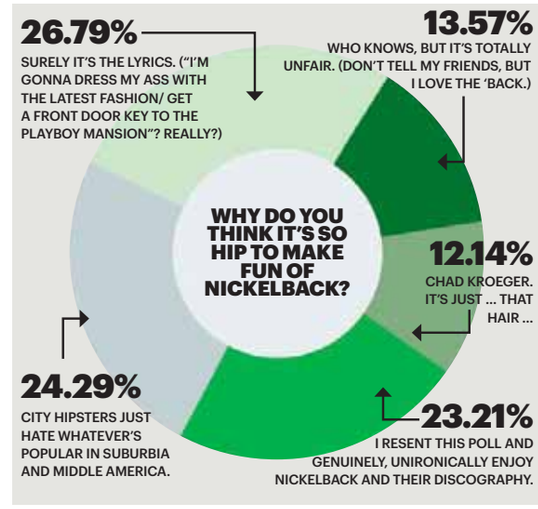
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I RESENT THIS POLL AND GENUINELY, UNIRONICALLY ENJOY NICKELBACK AND THEIR DISCOGRAPHY.

# Daughters allege B.B. King was poisoned

Two B.B. King heirs who've been outspoken about the blues legend's care in his final days are accusing King's two closest aides of poisoning him.

Las Vegas police homicide detectives are investigating, Lt. Ray Steiber said Monday. He declined to provide details.

Daughters Karen Williams and Patty King allege that family members were prevented from visiting while King's business manager, LaVerne Toney, and his personal assistant, Myron Johnson, hastened their father's death.

"I believe my father was poisoned and that he was administered foreign substances," Patty King and Williams say in identically worded sections of affidavits provided to The Associated Press by their lawyer, Larissa Drohobyczer.

"I believe my father was murdered," they say.

Toney and Johnson each declined to comment.

"They've been making allegations all along. What's new?" said Toney, who worked for King for 39 years and had power-of-attorney over the singer's affairs.

Toney is named in King's will as executor of an estate that according to court documents filed by lawyers for some of King's heirs could total tens of millions of dollars.

Johnson was at B.B. King's bedside when he died May 14 in hospice care at home in Las Vegas at age 89. No family members were present.

The allegations come days after a public viewing in Las Vegas drew more than 1,000 fans and mourners and a weekend memorial drew 350 family and friends. A Beale Street procession and memorial are scheduled Wednesday in Memphis, Tenn., followed by a Friday viewing and Saturday burial in King's hometown of Indianola, Miss.

Clark County coroner John Fudenberg said Monday the investigation shouldn't delay King's final trip home to the Mississippi Delta.

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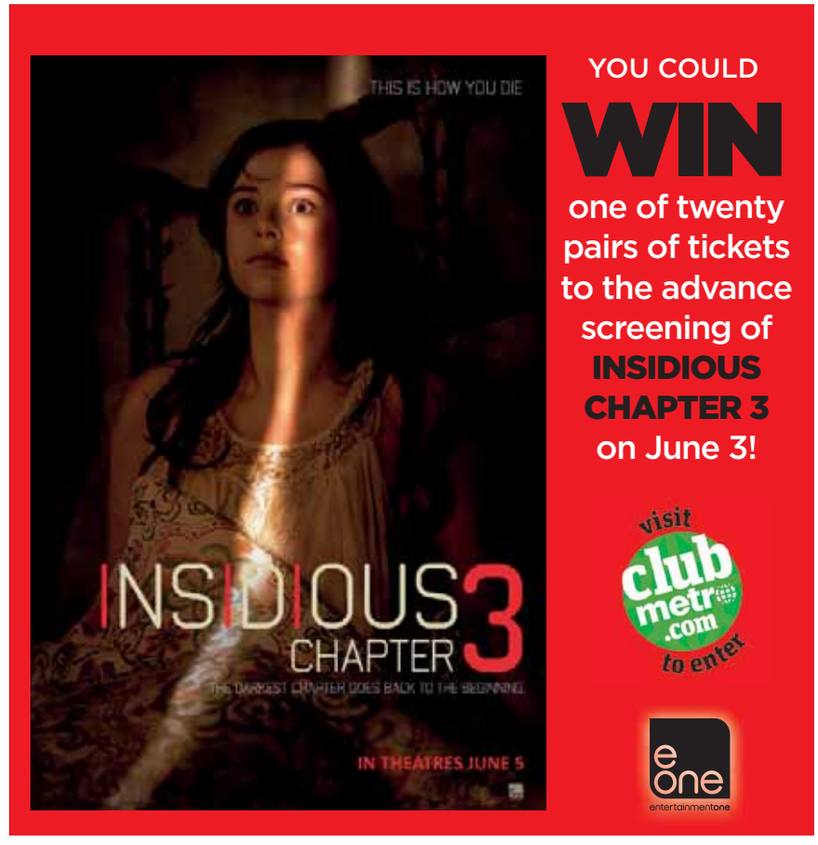
**Karen Williams, daughter of B.B. King, speaks outside of Clark County family court on May 7 in Las Vegas.** JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Pratt gets ahead of future flubs

PRESS TOUR

## Jurassic World star releases pre-emptive apology

Ned Ehrbar

At least someone learned something from the trouble Jeremy Renner and Chris Evans caused during their Avengers: Age of Ultron press tour with references to Scarlett Johansson's character as a slut.

Fellow Marvel stable-mate and Jurassic World star Chris Pratt is looking to get out in front of whatever potential flub he might make by releasing a wonderfully worded catch-all apology message before he even begins his press tour.

"I want to make a heartfelt apology for whatever it is I end up accidentally saying during the forthcoming 'Jurassic World' press tour.

"I hope you understand it was never my intention to offend anyone and I am truly sorry. I swear. I'm the nicest guy in the world.

"And I fully regret what I (accidentally will have) said in (the upcoming foreign and domestic) interview(s)," Pratt writes.

"To those I (will have) offended please understand how truly sorry I already am. I am fully aware that the subject matter of my imminent forthcoming mistake, a blunder (possibly to be) dubbed 'JurassicGate' is (most likely) in no way a laughing matter.

"To those I (will likely have had) offended rest assured I will do everything in my power to make sure this doesn't happen (again)."

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Actor Chris Pratt

**Actor Chris Pratt is looking to get out in front of whatever flub he might make by releasing a catch-all apology.** ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

THE BREAK IS OVER ...

## Emma and Andrew spotted together

Rumours have been circulating that the break Emma Watson and Andrew Garfield had been taking from their relationship is all done since they've been spotted enjoying some meals together in Los Angeles

And now this: Paparazzi caught the pair out grocery shopping together, and I think we all know what that signifies, right? I mean, I know a Ralph's supermarket in Malibu isn't the most romantic of venues, but they were holding hands and everything.

And it was the first time they'd been photographed together since January. "It was always a 'break' due to schedules," a source assures E! News. "They care for each other and always have the best time when together." Even at the grocery store, apparently.

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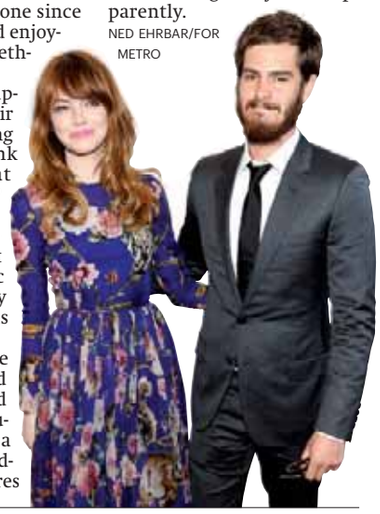

FULLER HOUSE

## #Heartbroken over the Olsen twins

So those reports last week that Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen had come around on the idea of taking part in the upcoming Netflix Full House reboot? Yeah, not so much.

"Although Ashley and Mary-Kate will not be a part of 'Fuller House,' I know how much 'Full House' has meant to them and they are still very much considered family," executive producer Robert L. Boyett said in a statement.

And if you think you're broken up about it, check out John Stamos. First he simply tweeted the hashtag #heartbroken before heading to Facebook.

"Just so you reporters know, this is not a money gig for any of us — quite the opposite," Stamos wrote. "Sad that a few don't share the rest of the cast's opinion. I can only wish them the best."

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GOSSIP NOTES Ban on Brand

## Stop asking Katy about her ex, OK?

Sheesh. You marry a famous comedian who divorces you 14 months later, and reporters will never let you hear the end of it.

Katy Perry is still getting questions about Russell Brand more than three years after their split, and you know what? She's had enough.

"He hasn't spoken to me since he texted me saying he was filing for divorce," she tells the Daily Telegraph.

"I don't want to talk about him. My songs will say what I need to say." So quit it, all right?

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# Experts lend a hand with speeches

PUBLIC SPEAKING

## May we speak frankly? Some things are best left unsaid

Elizabeth May's rambling remarks at the recent parliamentary press gallery dinner thrust the Green party leader into the spotlight for all the wrong reasons.

Lighthearted and self-deprecating speeches are typically hallmarks of the annual non-partisan event. But May's address to assembled politicians and journalists veered off-course.

Before stepping to the mic, public speaking experts suggest keeping a few tips in mind for mastering the big moment — and avoiding controversy.

**Stick with your notes, even if you think your audience isn't responding.** ISTOCK

### Know your audience

Given that your audience in any public speech could range in age and background, it's best not to go "out of bounds," said Beverly Beuermann-King, a stress and resiliency specialist and certified speaking professional based in Little Britain, Ont.

"If you can't say it in front of all of those groups without kind of embarrassing or frightening or shocking them, then it's not an appropriate story," said Beuermann-King, past president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers.

"What you say when you're with your buddies is not the same as what you can say in front of everybody else."

> **These days, everything is public and could be made public**
> Jim Kokocki, Toastmasters

### Stick to the plan

Write and rehearse your remarks and stick to them, said Jim Kokocki, president-elect of Toastmasters International.

"Sometimes, people in audiences aren't very demonstrative," he said from Saint John, N.B.

"So, while you write what you might feel is a brilliant script, you might not get laughs from the audience. That doesn't mean they're not enjoying it.

"I've personally had situations where people didn't (seem to) respond to my humour, but afterwards, people came up and said: 'That was funny, I enjoyed it very much.'"

Kokocki said he doesn't think it's ever a good idea to push the envelope in public remarks.

"I suppose if you're in a small group with people you're absolutely sure you know well, you might choose to do that. But these days, everything is public and could quickly be made public," he said.

### Tell a story

Beuermann-King said the desire to be perfect and impress everyone is often a source of stress prior to giving a speech.

"They put a lot of pressure (on themselves) when in reality, people just want to hear a few stories about that person — appropriate stories — and just know that you wish them well."

She suggested sharing a brief, descriptive anecdote that helps guests feel connected to the tale.

### Keep it brief

"Figure out what those key stories are, making them about a minute or so apiece, give or take," said Beuermann-King.

"It really should be a three- to five-minute speech at most."

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The Cincinnati Reds lost their ninth in a row (5-4 to Colorado), their longest losing streak in 17 years

# Hutch proves too much for White Sox to handle

MLB

## Blue Jays starter strikes out 8 batters in shutout

Justin Smoak and Josh Donaldson homered while Drew Hutchison threw a four-hit shutout as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Chicago White Sox 6-0 on Monday night at Rogers Centre.

Smoak hit a two-run blast off Chicago starter Hector Noesi in Toronto's four-run opening frame. Donaldson added a solo shot in the second inning to help the Blue Jays (21-26) take the opener of the three-game series.

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Hutchison had eight strikeouts in his first complete game of the season. He didn't walk a batter and threw 70 of his 96 pitches for strikes.

Jose Reyes returned to the lineup after a stint on the 15-day disabled list and hit a double in his first at-bat. Donaldson followed with a walk and both scored on a two-out single by Chris Colabello.

Smoak doubled the lead with his third homer of the season.

Donaldson's blast was his 10th homer of the year. He scored three runs and had two of Toronto's seven hits.

Hutchison, meanwhile, was in fine form as he improved to 4-1 and lowered his earned-run average from 6.06 to 5.12. He needed just eight pitches to retire the side in the fifth inning and only seven pitches to get three outs in the sixth.

Noesi (0-4) settled down after his rough start. He worked seven innings, allowing five hits, five earned runs and three walks while striking out four.

The Blue Jays tacked on an insurance run in the eighth off reliever Scott Carroll.

Toronto is in the AL East division basement but entered play just 4-1/2 games behind first-place Tampa Bay.

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### INJURY UPDATE

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista took another day off after having a cortisone shot over the weekend. He has been limited to designated hitter duty since injuring his right shoulder in a game on April 21, but is hopeful to play the outfield next week.

**Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin congratulates pitcher Drew Hutchison on tossing a four-hit shutout against the White Sox on Monday at Rogers Centre.** NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

**McDonald released by Bears after his arrest**

The Chicago Bears have released defensive end Ray McDonald following a domestic violence arrest in California that police say stemmed from him assaulting a woman who was holding a baby.

Santa Clara police Lt. Kurt Clarke reports that McDonald was taken into custody at 7 a.m. Monday on suspicion of domestic violence and child endangerment. Police did not disclose if the woman or the baby were injured.

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**Venus stumbles in first round of French Open**

Sloane Stephens defeated Venus Williams 7-6 (5), 6-1 in the first round of the French Open on Monday.

Seven-time major champion Williams, at age 34, was the oldest woman in the field. It was her second opening defeat in three years at Roland Garros.

The 40th-ranked Stephens was consistently strong from the baseline, making only 14 unforced errors to Williams' 30.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

## Stamkos eager to oust Rangers

Steven Stamkos knows what it's like to come close to getting to the Stanley Cup final and wind up not playing on the NHL's biggest stage.

It happened to the Tampa Bay Lightning four years ago, and the three-time all-star is determined to not let another opportunity slip away.

After a slow start to the playoffs, the high-scoring team captain helped the speedy Lightning push the New York Rangers to the brink of elimination from the Eastern Conference final.

**Steven Stamkos** GETTY IMAGES

Game 6 is Tuesday night at Amalie Arena. A Lightning victory will send Tampa Bay to the Cup final for the second time in franchise history. And the Rangers are looking to extend the series to a seventh game, which would be played Friday night in New York.

"You kind of have to realize where you are and kind of use that as a little bit of motivation," Stamkos said. "The harsh reality is, some guys in this room may never get the chance to get this far again. Hopefully everybody does, but you never know in this sport."

Stamkos knows first-hand. He and defenceman Victor Hedman are the only players remaining from the Tampa Bay team that came within one victory of playing in the Cup final in 2011. The Lightning lost Game 7 to Boston 1-0 and didn't win another playoff game until this year.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

## LeBron won't give in to pain

LeBron James hurts everywhere, the King of Pain.

One win from taking the Cavaliers back to the NBA Finals, and one step closer to a title he covets more than any other, James leaned against a padded wall on Monday and hardly resembled basketball's most undeniable force.

**LeBron James** GETTY IMAGES

"I'm feeling all right," he said, forcing a smile that showed he wasn't being entirely truthful. "I've been better, but I've been worse. I think I've been worse."

James moved slowly and not with his usual grace one day after his brilliant performance in Game 3 lifted Cleveland to a 114-111 win over the Atlanta Hawks in overtime, moving the Cavs within a victory of their first Finals appearance since 2007.

James wore a sleeve on his right calf, which cramped so severely he asked to be taken out Sunday night before reconsidering. Instead, he pushed through the pain and delivered 37 points, 18 rebounds and 13 assists — all after an 0-for-10 shooting start — to help the Cavs take a 3-0 series lead.

He's battered, not beaten. James isn't going to let anything stop him. Not now. Not this close to his fifth straight Finals or a championship.

"When you want to win, you've got to sacrifice your body feeling good," he said. "That's just what it's about."

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### NEXT GAME

With a win on Tuesday night, the Cavs can clinch the Eastern Conference title and get some rest before a Finals matchup presumably against Golden State, which led Houston 3-0 heading into Monday's Game 4.

# TFC awaits Man City's stars

SOCCER

## BPL top scorer Aguero, Toure in squad for friendly match

Argentine striker Sergio Aguero, Ivory Coast midfielder Yaya Toure and England goalie Joe Hart highlight the travelling Manchester City squad due to play Toronto FC on Wednesday.

After the BMO Field friendly game, the English team heads south to play the Houston Dynamo on Thursday before wrapping up its North American tour in New York on Saturday to watch sister club New York City FC host Houston at Yankee Stadium. City concluded its Premier League season Sunday with a 2-0 win over Southampton, finishing second behind Chelsea with a 24-7-7 record.

With a game Thursday and having played Sunday after crossing the Atlantic, manager Manuel Pellegrini will have to use his resources carefully in Toronto.

**Prolific Argentine striker Sergio Aguero, left, who was top scorer in the BPL this season with 26 goals will travel to Toronto with Ivorian midfield star Yaya Toure, right.** MIKE HEWITT/GETTY IMAGES

Facing three games in a week, Toronto FC (4-5-1) is also likely to dig deep into its squad for players to face the touring side. Toronto, which defeated the Portland Timbers 1-0 on Saturday, hosts the San Jose Earthquakes on the weekend.

"Anybody who has an injury or anything that they're carrying or trying to get over, we probably won't see too much of them, if any," head coach Greg Vanney said after Saturday's game. "But I think the group will use it sort of as a training session.

"I still think there's some connections we need to continue to build on as a team out on the field … We'll see most everybody, at least for some point, some time in the game."

> **"Anybody who has an injury or anything that they're carrying or trying to get over, we probably won't see too much of them, if any**
> Toronto head coach Greg Vanney

Look for youngsters like Jay Chapman, Jordan Hamilton and Daniel Lovitz as well as unused veterans like Mark Bloom to see playing time.

Transfer rumours have already started swirling about Manchester City.

Spanish reports have Real Madrid set to offer 90 million euros ($121.4 million) for Aguero, the Premier League's top scorer with 26 goals this season. Toure's future at the club is also subject to speculation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**Madrid fires coach Ancelloti after trophy-less season**

Real Madrid has fired coach Carlo Ancelotti, one season after he led the club to its 10th European Cup title.

Club president Florentino Perez said Monday that Ancelotti's successor would be announced next week. Madrid failed to win a trophy this season, finishing second in the Spanish league — two points behind archrival Barcelona — and losing in the Champions League semifinals to Juventus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Big payday for Premier League new boys Norwich**

Norwich joined promoted Bournemouth and Watford by securing an immediate return to the Premier League and a promotion windfall of about $180 million by beating Middlesbrough 2-0 in the second-tier playoff final on Monday.

Norwich seized control of world football's most lucrative club match thanks to goals by Cameron Jerome and Nathan Redmond by the 15th minute at Wembley Stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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**Ready in**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients**
- 1 1/2 lb salmon fillet
- Salt and pepper

**Salsa**
- 2/3 cup finely diced orange
- 2/3 cup finely diced avocado
- 2 tsp orange juice concentrate
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro

**Directions**

**1.** In a small bowl, combine the salsa ingredients. Stir to combine and set aside.

**2.** Preheat a barbecue to medium-high heat or lightly coat a non-stick grill pan with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Sprinkle the salmon with salt and pepper. Cook the salmon for about 10 minutes per inch of thickness or until the fish just flakes when tested with a fork.

**3.** Spoon the salsa over the salmon before serving.

**Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)**
- Calories 238
- Protein 26 g
- Carbohydrates 21 g

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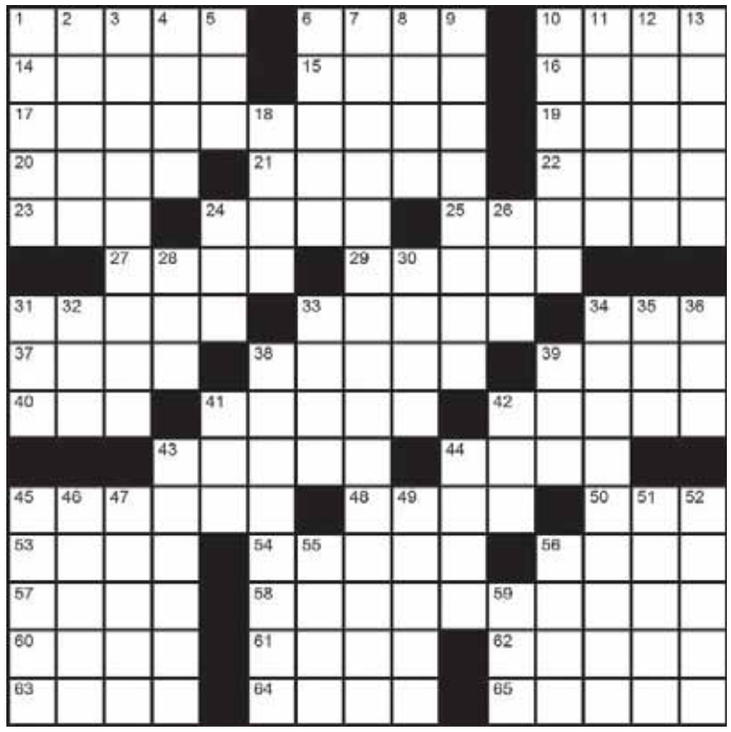
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Valuables keepers
6. Keener
10. Semi-wet
14. Suffix for a branch of knowledge
15. Cabbage: French
16. River inlets
17. Builder's printouts for the home buyers: 2 wds.
19. Covetousness
20. Tsp., et al.
21. Too critical
22. 'Problem' suffix
23. Type of orchestra, briefly
24. Cartoon friend of Pebbles, when doubled
25 __ Macbeth (Scotland-set mystery novel series by M.C. Beaton)
27. Complete
29. __-face
31. Military trainee
33. __-Montreal (Historic area of Quebec's largest city)
34. Tap on
37. __ one's appetite
38. Type of eatery
39. Morning grass characteristic
40. Seasickness, __ de mer
41. "Easy __" (1969)
42. Southern __
43. Comedian
44. __-hoop
45. Patricia __, Canadian director of "Mansfield Park" (1999)
48. Ancient attraction
50. Montreal NHL-er
53. By any chance?
54. Bright city signs
56. Sandy formation
57. Point
58. Government-owned expanses of Canada: 2 wds.
60. Payment in poker
61. Go on a country walk
62. Book's brief beginning
63. Not as much
64. The __ Coast
65. Namesakes of actor Mr. Diggs

**DOWN**
1. Couches
2. "__ __ Love" by Led Zeppelin
3. One employed for sandals adverts: 2 wds.
4. Characters' selves
5. Central Asia river, __ Darya
6. Happy as __!
7. Member of the Order of Canada who is a 5x Olympian in track: 2 wds.
8. Geological periods
9. 1998 Jackie Chan action comedy: 2 wds.
10. Whimsically wondered
11. "__ __ a stinker?" - Bugs Bunny
12. Canadian author Ms. Gallant
13. Dule Hill series of 2006 to 2014
18. "__ Lap" (1983)
24. Vegas wager
26. Lac-__-Sables, Quebec
28. Animal doc
30. Labatt product
31. Uniquely-spelled mountain basin
32. "Just as I thought!"
33. NFLD: Quidi __ (St. John's neighbourhood)
34. Marg __ (Politicians-interviewing character for Canadian comedian Mary Walsh)
35. Pointy tool
36. TTFN
38. Sunday: French
39. Rocker Mr. Shannon
41. Movie genre, __-com
42. Roll
43. Truly, archaically
44. __ '__' Hers
45. Queenly
46. Pertaining to sheep
47. Tangs
49. Dry, basically
51. Outkast member, __ 3000
52. Kisses: Spanish
55. 'Ranch' suffix
56. Mr. Carvey
59. On, as a candle

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Strangely, you will get a lot more done today if you slow down and try to do less — not least because you won't have to spend so much time correcting your mistakes!

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
If someone is critical of you today there can only be one reason: they are jealous of your popularity and success. If they say that you are doing something wrong the more you can be sure you are doing it right.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Get routine matters out of the way as early as you can because later in the day you will get an invite you won't want to turn down. Take your responsibilities seriously, but not so seriously that you cannot enjoy yourself.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
You may not care too much about money and possessions, but try not to give others the impression today that you will give them whatever it is they want from you.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
Jupiter in your sign is a wonderful influence and you won't lack for confidence over the next few days. But can you balance it with common sense? If not you might go over the top.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may be eager to try new things, but don't take unnecessary risks with money or your reputation. While your ruling planet Mercury continues to move retrograde you should aim to play safe, in some things at least.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do you see things the way they are or the way you would like them to be? That's an important question because the planets warn you could be a little too optimistic for your own good today.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone you have to deal with today and tomorrow may seem scary but they are more afraid of you. You always seem so self-possessed and sure of yourself and it can be quite intimidating!

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You don't have to make apologies to someone you fell out with. Why should you when they are wrong and you are right? On the other hand maybe you should soften your tone.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You seem to be under the impression that you can get away with anything. It may or may not be true but either way it's not a wise attitude to take.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Can you believe what a friend or relative says? It may sound outrageous but according to the planets they could be telling you the truth. What do your instincts tell you?

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't push yourself too hard over the next 24 hours. If you can get away with it today you should knock off early from work and give both your brain and your body a rest. Your batteries are desperately in need of a recharge.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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